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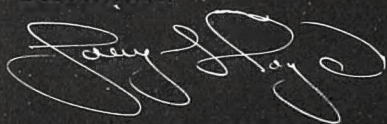
LARRY LLOYD

Good evening and a warm welcome to York City for this vital Fourth Division clash. After a bitterly disappointing performance at Hereford last Saturday, where we didn't look like Wigan Athletic at all, we got things together a lot better on Tuesday against Blackpool. It was all about character in that game and I was proud of the players in the way that they responded.

With nine games of the season left to play, it would be a crime if we wasted all the hard work that everyone has put in so far, but I think this will not be the case, because having had a good heart-to-heart talk with the players, they all realise that we must rediscover the hard work and commitment that has got us into this position in the first place.

Finally, I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Les Bradd on his fine achievement of setting a new goal-scoring record in one season for Wigan. Well done Les!

Best wishes,



Larry Lloyd.

P.S. To the "Kop" — Message received and understood.



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Scene Four

DOWN MEMORY LANE

After forcing a draw at Doncaster in the F.A. Cup 1st Round in 1965, the replay came to Springfield Park on the following Wednesday Kick-off 2 p.m. (there being no floodlights at that time). The Wigan team that day was Halsall, Wilkinson, Houghton, Crompton, Craig and Roberts, Ryan, Llewellyn, Lyon, Brown and Stanley.

The game began with a thrilling end to end play with Latics looking the more dangerous team. After 19 minutes, however, Harry Lyon was stretchered off with a suspected broken ankle, but after 15 minutes Harry came hobbling back, fortified by a pain killer and a drop of whisky — his ankle, which proved to be a torn ligament, was heavily strapped. All the 7,113 spectators gazed in amazement and wondered if Lyon would manage at all. Harry did, however, very soon stun Doncaster with a quick goal scored with his head to put Latics in front — shortly after he made it 2-0, and amidst wild cheering he gained his hat-trick to make it 3-0. Wigan eventually won 3-1 and were drawn away to Chester in the 2nd round — losing 2-1.

Allan Brown's departure before the start of the 1966/67 season heralded the break-up of a side that still many people consider to be the best non-league side to wear Latics colours. At the end of that season Wigan were in two finals — The League Challenge Cup and the Lancashire Junior Cup, and at that time both the 1st and 2nd team goalkeepers were injured and the club faced a minor crisis as there was not sufficient time to sign any replacement. To prove that he could save goals as well as score

them, Harry Lyon volunteered to play in goal — this he did with the acrobatic skill of any regular goalkeeper.

The next Manager to follow Allan Brown was Harry Leyland, the former Blackburn goalkeeper, but his term as Manager only lasted just over a season. At this time there was a steering committee formed to form a Northern Premier League, similarly a Southern Premier League, and this was achieved in season 1968/69. This was thought to be beneficial for eventual admission to the Football League and great interest was shown in Wigan. Latics appointed Ian McNeill as a Player Manager, but Ian decided he could sign better and younger men than himself and had quite a successful season finishing runners-up to Macclesfield with an average attendance of over 4,000. McNeill's team was obviously sprinkled with Scottish players such as Billy Sutherland Jimmy Lynn, Norman Beattie and later Benny Cairney, he also included a number of ex-League players in Dave Gaskell (Manchester United), Mandy Hill (Blackpool) Allan Turner (Bradford) and our own Ian Gillibrand.

Despite being runners-up in the League, we failed to qualify for the 1st Round proper of the F.A. Cup being beaten 2-0 at Altrincham in the 4th Qualifying Round — Jackie Swindells blasting in two penalties. I personally think that Jack Swindells was the greatest goal-scorer ever to play for a non-league club.

More next match.

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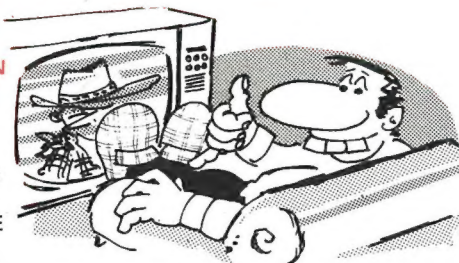
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 10th April, 1982.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- CREWE ALEXANDRA

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Saturday, 24th April, 1982.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- ROCHDALE

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Tuesday, 4th May, 1982.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8th May, 1982

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- MANSFIELD TOWN

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Nobody was more distraught as the final whistle went at Hereford than our Commercial Manager, David Roberts. "I don't understand", he said, "they've never lost a League game when I've been watching". And he was right. Since he started with us in October, we have never lost in the League when he has been in the stand, and he has become quite superstitious about it. His shock at the change in fortunes caused me to ponder on the various superstitions hanging around Springfield Park. My personal one is being wished "Good Luck" before the game. At the start of the season my wife wished me such as I left to go to Hartlepool and again as I set off on the morning of the Sheffield United game. This is now strictly forbidden. The Chairman, Freddie Pye, will not permit his wife to come to a game in her car because the only match she did so was the Sheffield United home game; Linda Fillingham in the office always wears a special bracelet on match days; Eric Barnes, one of the directors, always wears a special tie; Philip Lowe, the groundsman, always puts the corner flags in in a special sequence, David Roberts'

wife always drinks brandy and lemonade at half-time if we are losing, and that has always caused us to score in the second-half.

Whilst it is quite alright for us who watch the game to be superstitious, it is quite a problem for players. If a player thinks that he has done something which will bring him bad luck, he can worry about it and his game can suffer accordingly. It is interesting, therefore, that when I asked Larry Lloyd if he had any little thing that brought him luck, he looked disdainfully at me and declared, "Yes, if I don't thump the Club Secretary on the nose before we run out I always feel unlucky". Typical!

I think it would be quite interesting if anybody reading this has a lucky habit let me know about it. I will publish details in my notes in the near future. Just write your name and the details on a piece of paper and drop it in at the office. I would appreciate it if anybody who's little fumble has been not changing their socks since the Bury match would use the services of the Post Office, rather than making a personal appearance in my office.

Best wishes,

Colin Burke



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THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

With April upon us many of the honours in the local leagues will soon be sorted out. But at the moment the situation is far from cut-and-dried in many of the top Wigan leagues' competitions. In the Wigan Amateur League, Bethel, those old stagers, are looking a good bet for the Premier Division, but they are being chased to the bitter end by rivals Aspull, who, although eight points behind, have in fact five games in hand. At the bottom poor old Kitt Green are still searching for their first win of the season and sit forlornly on the lowest wrung with just a draw to their credit.

The Second Division title appears to be between local rivals Lamberhead and St. Thomas's. Much will depend on whether Lamberhead cash in on their two games in hand and close that two point gap at the top. Standish and Bethel Reserves are neck-and-neck at the top of the Third and St. Jude's cannot be ruled out, having games in hand to amass a sufficient number of points which will eclipse the current top two. Ince Central are the lone

strugglers at the wrong end of the Division, and they too, still await a first victory. Abram are chasing Highfield all the way in the Third Division, but they must use their games in hand to great effect if they are to cut down on their seven point deficit.

Once more, in this Division, there is a club without a win. Poor Great Acre haven't even been able to manage so much as a draw and have let in 143 goals in 22 games. In the Post and Chronicle Sunday League, Bryn have been moving slowly towards glory in the First Division championship while at the other end it appears to be curtains for Hindley Celtic, almost certainly doomed to the Second Division.

For the third season in succession, Castle Spinners look like being among the honours. They are clear leaders of the Second Division and it would seem only an absolute disaster will deny them. One honour that has been decided is the Fourth Division, where Rockleigh triumphed some weeks ago. The fight for second place is proving very interesting, but St. James' poor form of late has seemingly let Millstone in among the medals.

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ABOVE:

Les Bradd meets John McMahon's free kick, to score Latics first goal against Blackpool . . .

BELOW:

. . . And it's goal number two as Colin Methven puts in his ninth goal of the season. Photographs by David Cookson.

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As you know, commentary on every First team home match is broadcast to Wigan, Billinge and Wrightington hospitals, and personal messages to friends in those hospitals can be relayed by simply handing in details to the main Club office beforehand.

It may also be that we shall be needing a new commentator next season. Qualities we would be looking for would, first and foremost, be a dedication to entertaining hospital patients, good clear flowing speech, a detailed knowledge of the game, and whilst almost certainly being a Latics supporter, an ability to talk about the game from an ALMOST unbiased point of view.

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MONEY MATTERS



Doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself! It is now six months since I came to Wigan Athletic, and I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every minute, (perhaps not the ninety minutes at Hereford!) I've seen how the Latics fans get behind their team, win or lose, home or away, and I'm sure that the way the team are playing, they will continue to do so for many years to come.

To all the fans waiting for the Latics sweat-shirt, I can only say that we cannot get enough of them. On Wednesday, we had a part-delivery of 42 shirts. By 2.30 p.m. we had sold 26 of them. I didn't hear any jungle-drums, but the word got round Wigan in no time at all.

We have now got in the Shop some of the new World Cup items, such as bags, flags, pennants, badges, key rings etc. Why not call in and have a look, they make nice presents if there is a birthday in the offing. We also have the new Wigan Athletic key-ring "We are all "Athletic" in Wigan" in stock, price 60 pence. (I cannot claim the credit (?) for that slogan, because

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It has been rather a difficult season from a fixture point of view. The bad weather around Christmas created a certain amount of chaos, and strenuous efforts have now to be made to complete the "season-end" fixtures. Gates have been rather disappointing at the Lancs. League Saturday games, perhaps as a result of having to arrange previously postponed games hurriedly.

Future home fixtures are as follows:-
 Monday (Easter Monday) 12th April, v Liverpool "A." Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
 Saturday, 17th April v. Barrow Reserves, Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
 Saturday, 15th May, v. Wrexham Reserves, Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

YOUTH TEAM

Saturday, 17th April, at Springfield Park v. Crewe Reserves. Kick-off 11.00 a.m. Carlisle Reserves have resigned from the League for financial reasons, this being the second club to do so this season — Morecambe being the other.

LANCASHIRE JUNIOR CUP

The final of the above competition will be played at Springfield Park on Tuesday, 20th April, 1982. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. The teams concerned are the same as last year, **CHORLEY** and **BARROW**. The prices of admission will be GROUND - Adults, £1.00 Boys & O.A.P's 50 pence. STAND - £1.25.

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AWAY TO BLACKPOOL

The trip to Blackpool on Good Friday is now fully booked. Due to the success of this venture, we will be looking into future all-in trips.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The voting will take place on Easter Saturday at the home match with Crewe. The presentation will take place in the Supporters' Club on Wednesday, 28th April. The entertainment will be provided by "The Saffron Showgroup" plus

"Liberty Belles" — tickets are £1.50 and are limited. There will be a bar extension.

NOEL WARD BENEFIT

During the next few weeks the Sports Quizzes that have been held in the Club will culminate with two semi-finals. 1. 8th April - Referees v. Supporters. 2. 15th April - The Latics Officials v. Players, with the final being held on Thursday, 22nd April. Entrance to all these events will be 25p.

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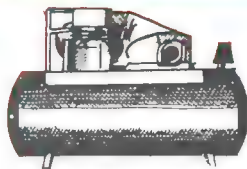
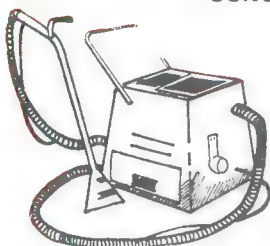
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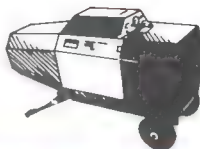
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Back Row (Left to Right) Ian McDonald, Billy McGhie, Derek Hood, Keith Walwyn, Roy Kay, Malcolm S. **Middle Row** Kevin Randall (Youth Coach), Alan Waldron, Derek Craig, Mike Astbury, Eddie Blackburn, Byrne, John Simpson (Physiotherapist) **Front Row** Stewart Greenwood, Richard Dawson, John Benthall (Manager), Steve Senior, Tommy Stanley, Gary Ford.

York City, our visitors tonight, were formed in 1922 and were elected to the Football League in 1929. In 1958 they became founder members of the newly formed Fourth Division, were promoted to Division Three in 1960 — and returned to Division Four in 1965.

They enjoyed the 1974-76 seasons in the Second Division. Whilst in the Third Division in 1955, they had a remarkable F.A. Cup run, reaching the Semi-Finals. Since the war, they have had eleven Managers, amongst them being Charlie Spencer — Wigan's first

manager in 1932. Their ground, Crescent, is small with a ground capacity of 10,000. Pitch measurements are 110 yds.



MALCOLM CROSBY Experienced midfielder who joined City in November in a player exchange deal which took Ian McDonald to Aldershot. Malcolm topped 300 senior appearances in his 11 seasons with Aldershot.

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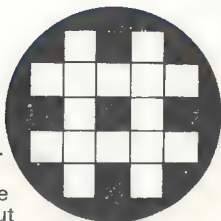
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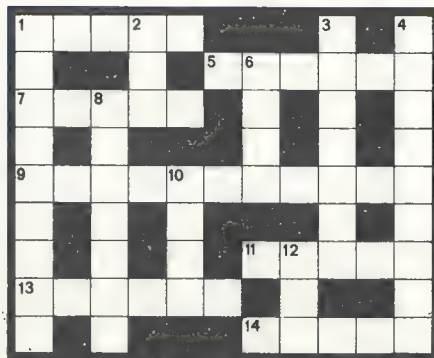
PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 24

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Old England Newton . . . ; . . . his Everton clubmate/namesake; Chicago ---; Stapleton, say.



CLUB CLUE No. 24

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

At all times and not the other way about

MIXED DOUBLES No. 24

Re-order the letters in each of the words **HARMS** and **SHIN** to find two ex-England men.

QUICK QUIZ No. 24

1. Which was the last non-League club to win the FA Cup?
2. Which club had Bill Lucas as manager in three different spells?
3. Who was "Der Bomber"?
4. Real Madrid didn't lose a European Cup tie until 1960 — who beat them?
5. Who were the first-ever champions of the Alliance Premier League?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES

SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 24 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. See 1 down
5. Filbert is a famous one! (6)
7. New Brighton --- were replaced in the League by Workington (5)
9. The hive of "The Bees" (7, 4)
11. Young striker who was on target for Spurs in this season's Charity Shield match and began the League programme in cracking form until injury interrupted his flow (5)
13. Wolves defender on the 300-match mark this season (6)
14. Striker Ray --- joined Exeter from Merthyr last season (5)

DOWN

1. & 1ac. In which fans (usually the younger ones) collect 'items' of the times (9,5)
2. Wilf McGuinness' only signing when manager of Manchester United, this Scottish star was acquired from Arsenal (3)
3. After playing (pre-war) for Rotherham, Grimsby and England, he managed (post-war) Doncaster (twice) and Blackburn (7)
4. County club . . . though there's no such county! (9)
6. What Swansea was before coming 'City' (4)
8. Graham --- passed the 400-match mark for Wrexham to collect his Mecca Loyalty Award (7)
10. Deliberately fielding an under-strength side could earn a club a hefty one (4)
12. They're United in Scotland (3)

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

One of the rare displays of football hooliganism among Fourth Division fans took place at Hereford last weekend, when their biggest crowd of the season included one or two rather unruly, and I would think unwanted, characters. Football Clubs are always saying how hard they work to prevent such nasty instances of violence on the terraces from arising. Yet at Hereford, no one seemed to be bothered at all. I'm told that visiting fans had to pay extra to gain admission to their standing area — around 50p. more than the home fans. If that is the case, then I'm not surprised that some of Latics supporters decided to stand in the home fans' pen and cut their cost — having paid nearly £4 coach fare. That sort of situation can only lead to difficulties.

According to a local reporter, the Club charge more for away fans because they have to pay for extra policing. Well, the discrimination probably caused more trouble and the need for police

marshalling. Fighting broke out and it was not until the Wigan fans had been removed did things settle down.

On a second point, I was absolutely flabbergasted at the casual approach shown by Stewards and Police to at least one idiot who was allowed to disrupt the game twice. A skinhead, wearing the brightest yellow sweater you have ever seen, twice invaded the pitch after a goal, and on the second occasion stood on the 18-yard line arguing with a steward, steadfastly refusing to budge. Meanwhile the referee and players had to stand idly by until the pitch was cleared. He was eventually shifted. But lo and behold, 10 minutes later, at the final whistle, the Hereford fans came on the field to celebrate their win . . . and yes, that lout was there yet again!

Surely, someone should have flung him out . . . preferably on his ear, and let the rest of us enjoy the football — or otherwise!

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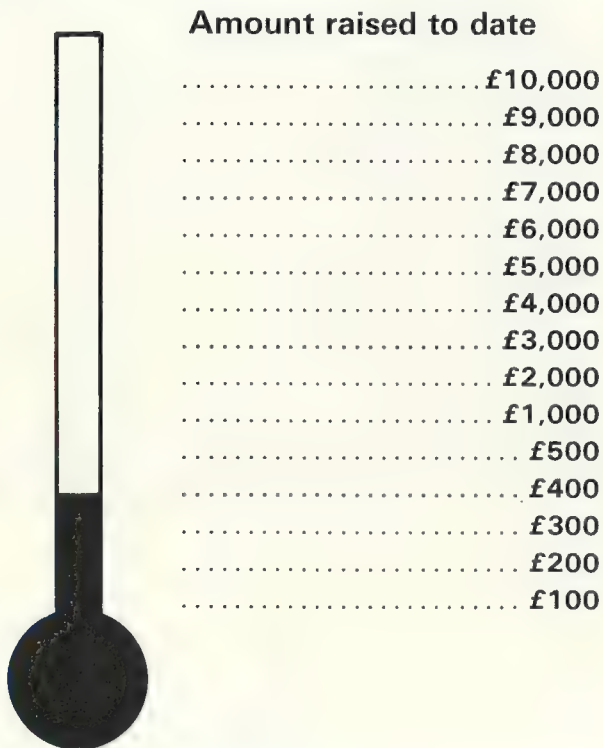
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For the rest of this season, each programme will include a chart showing the amount of money that has been received in donations, and we appeal to all our soccer-loving public to help us raise sufficient cash for this project:



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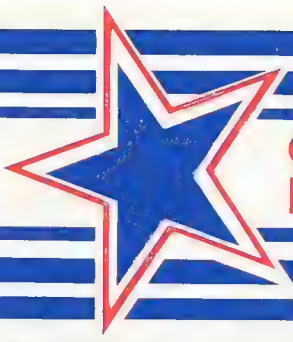


In the thick of it Larry Lloyd battles it out with a Blackpool defender. Photograph by David Cookson.

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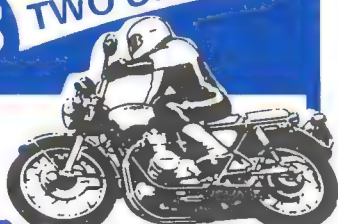
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COME EARLY, IT'S GOING TO BE GOOD!!!

Next Monday's meeting is promising to be better than any we've held before. The main Guests of Honour are, of course, Larry Lloyd and his players who will be there in force to talk, but mainly to sign autographs.

RADIO PICCADILLY

We are delighted to welcome Piccadilly's Pete Reeves along to this meeting. Pete will be bringing along with him lots of lovely give-aways such as stickers and badges. And I'm sure he'll have a word or two with the players on your behalf.

Add to this the quiz, the raffle, the draw for the Mascot, and the opening of the Soccer Shop, and you have the recipe for a super meeting.

SOCCER

Our Under 16's 5-a-side teams are both entered in the competition, which is being held on Friday evenings on the all-weather pitch.

The Junior Latics B team made a very good start by beating Poacher Junior A 3-2, but then lost their second match against the Deaner 5-1

Our A team lost the first match 1-0 after missing a penalty, but won the second game 3-0.

Both teams have a good chance of going on to the next stage of the competition. The Junior Latics Under 12's side continues to make excellent progress. In the last two games they have beaten Bury Junior Shakers 9-0. But more significantly, last Saturday, they beat top of the Leigh League side Atherton Central 1-0 in a very exciting game of skillful football.

As the football team begins to find it's feet and become established, it is becoming evident that we are attracting more boys who are coming along just to play for Junior Latics. Just as we have members who come for the netball or the Coca Cola Soccer Skills alone. All children who come to join in activities with Junior Latics must have filled in an application form to join the Club before they can, in fact, take part in any event. As there is a delay of two to four weeks in delivery of Membership Cards this will be sufficient.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Tonight's mascot is 9½ year old Darren Croft from Ashton-in-Makerfield. He attends St. Oswalds School and his hobbies are playing football, swimming and collecting badges.

Have a memorable evening Darren.

John Fillingham,

Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS





ABOVE:

A determined Les Bradd tries to break through Blackpool's defence.

BELOW:

Not this time as Iain Hesford the Blackpool keeper robs Colin Methven at the last grasp. Photographs by David Cookson.



SUNDAY, 4th APRIL, 1982.

WIGAN ATHLETIC v BODØ GRAND (Norway)

KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

Chris Lawler's promotion winning Norwegian side will be out to prove their worth against a Wigan side led by **Bobby Charlton**, ably supported by such favourites as Kevin Sheldon, Micky Quinn, Mark Wignall, Neil Davids, Jeff Wright, Alex Cribley and John Brown.

Admission is by programme: **Ground** 80 pence Adults., 40 pence Children. **Stand.** £1.00 - Adults, 50 pence Children.

SEASON TICKETS

As a result of the overwhelming number of requests for season tickets for 1982/83, we are asking all existing season ticket holders to renew their season tickets for next year by **15th April**. As it would be unfair to ask for the full cost by that date, a £20 deposit is all that is required. The full price for next year has yet to be approved by the appropriate authorities.

We would point out that our seating capacity is extremely small and, due to the rules of the F.A. and the Football League, we can only sell 65% as season tickets.

**SO PLEASE REMEMBER:
EXISTING SEASON TICKET HOLDERS.**

Renew your season ticket by **April 15th**, but you do not have to pay the full price, at this stage, just a deposit of £20.

C. T. Burke (Secretary)

1982

JAN. 2	Mansfield Town	2-1	2,157	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
JAN. 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	0-0	4,133	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	M. Quinn
JAN. 19	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5-0	4,111	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
JAN. 23	BRADFORD CITY	4-1	7,107	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 26	Crewe Alexandra	1-0	3,874	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 30	Northampton Town	3-2	2,418	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	1-1	6,315	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 8	Port Vale	1-1	8,775	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 13	Torquay United	0-0	2,545	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 17	ALDERSHOT	1-0	5,120	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	O'Keefe	Houghton	Evans	Weston
FEB. 26	Stockport County	1-0	5,084	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	O'Keefe	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
MAR. 6	HULL CITY	2-1	6,008	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Quinn	Evans	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Wright
MAR. 9	BURY	3-2	7,508	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 12	Scunthorpe United	7-2	2,599	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 16	Darlington	3-1	2,147	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 20	COLCHESTER UNITED	3-2	6,747	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 23	Sheffield United	0-1	22,336	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 27	Hereford United	0-3	4,191	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 30	BLACKPOOL	2-1	7,329	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE LEADERS AS AT WED. 31st MAR., 1982

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wigan Athletic	37	21	10	6	64	39	73
Bradford City	36	21	9	6	10	33	72
Sheffield Utd.	35	20	11	4	66	33	71
Peterborough U.	35	21	8	6	61	37	71
AFC Bournemouth	35	17	14	4	44	24	65
Bournemouth	34	17	9	10	69	44	60
Coventry Utd.	34	15	12	7	65	42	57
Port Vale	36	13	14	9	45	40	53
Blackpool	35	13	10	12	57	46	49
Hull City	34	13	9	13	55	49	47

APR. 2 YORK CITY
 Apr. 9 Blackpool
 Apr. 10 CREWE ALEXANDRA
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Comment

FROM THE CHAIR

Good evening and a very warm welcome to the directors, players and supporters of York City. We have certainly relived the War of the Roses in our games against Yorkshire sides this season and I am sure that tonight's game will be a similar hard fought struggle.

As the season races to a finish, it is difficult not to feel hopeful that this will be our year for promotion. But having said that, the history of football is full of missed opportunities, bad luck and bitter disappointments, and, on this the eve of the Grand National, it is as well to remember the number of "winners" who have fallen at the last fence. It is only hard work and determination that has got us this far and Larry Lloyd has made it quite clear to the players that it is only a continuation of these good habits that will bring us rewards.

I am extremely pleased with the way in which options on season tickets are

being taken up. Such is the demand that the Board is investigating the possibilities of increasing our seating capacity for next season. The problem of providing cover for our standing supporters is proving to be a difficult one, but various possibilities are being investigated, and I am sure that some additional cover will be provided next season subject to finances being available.

My final point is a sad one, and that is to announce the resignation of Mr. Arthur Horrocks from the Board of Directors. As President of the Lancashire Football Association and a member of the F.A. Council, he now has a very hectic life in the service of football in general. I am sure that you will join me in thanking him for all his excellent work for the Club in the past and wish him well for the future.

Enjoy the game.

Freddie Pye,
Chairman.

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Stockport 6. Town 8. Whittle 10. fine 12.
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Sting, Frank.

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 - 3 David Glenn
 - 4 Brian Taylor
 - 5 Larry Lloyd
 - 6 Colin Methven
 - 7 Eamon O'Keefe
 - 8 Graham Barrow
 - 9 Les Bradd
 - 10 Peter Houghton
 - 11 Jimmy Weston
 - 12 Mike Quinn

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

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(Birmingham)

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A married man with two sons, he works in the printing industry. Helps with coaching and running a local junior team, with help and advice to young referees.

Linesmen:
Red Flag Yellow Flag
Mr. P. Green **Mr. T. Little**
(Stafford) (Burnley)

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- 2 Gerry Sweeney
- 3 Richard Dawson
- 4 Derek Hood
- 5 Mike Czuczman
- 6 Dennis Smith
- 7 Peter Aitken
- 8 John Bryne
- 9 Keith Walwyn
- 10 Gary Ford
- 11 Mick Laverick
- 12 Malcolm Crosby

"HERE NEXT"
Saturday, 10th April, 1982
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WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- CREWE ALEXANDRA
Football League Division Four